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1. In February 1948, the sulphuric acid requirement (given in tons of sulphuric anhydride) for the Russian Zone of Germany for the first quarter of 1948 was estimated to be as follows:

SAG plants	17,000 tons SO ₃
Phosphate fertilizers	16,600 "
Artificial fabric industry	9,000 "
Chemical industry	6,000 "
Fuel industry	600 "
Fertilizers from gas works	400 "
Explosives industry	700 "
Pharmaceutical industry	300 "
Chemically pure acid	500 "
Commercial and small users	1,100 "
Reserves	2,800 "

Total 55,000 tons SO_3

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2. Annex I is a chart showing the planned production of sulphuric acid (given in tons of sulphuric anhydride) for 1948. The original production figures were prepared in the fall of 1947. The revised production figures indicated for the first nine months of the year, are based on the monthly production quotas, which seem to reflect the actual production of the previous month.
3. The actual production figures are given as follows:

1945	:	2,700 tons SO ₃ (approximately)
1946	:	73,192 "
1947	:	90,249 "

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1948 quota of 187,000 tons of sulphurous anhydride, were given as follows:

126,000 tons pyrites 43% sulphur
 3,200 tons gases 40% sulphur
 10,000 tons concentrated copper solution

5. The actual imports of pyrites have been as follows:

1946 from Norway	19,220 tons
1947 from Norway	58,269 tons
1948 (to 1 October 1948):	
(from Italy	4,000 tons)
(from Bulgaria	2,170 tons)
(from Yugoslavia	470 tons)
(from Norway	71,500 tons)
Total	78,140 tons

6. In 1949 290,000 tons of pyrites will be needed to meet the sulphuric acid production quota; of this amount 60,000 tons can be supplied by the Russian Zone. Trade agreements have been arranged whereby 30,000 tons of pyrites will be imported from Bulgaria, 60,000 tons from Yugoslavia and 30,000 tons from Finland. Trade agreements are still under negotiation for importing 80,000 to 90,000 tons of pyrites from Norway and Sweden.

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